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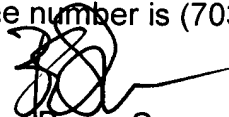
Election/Restrictions

The reply filed on 8/9/02 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): It is noted that Applicant elected the stent catheter system of Species A: Figs. 1,2 and also pushing device Species 1: Fig. 7. However, it should be noted that the elected claims are directed to a system that *includes* a stent. Applicant failed to pick a stent. It is not clear if the stent shown in elected Species A system is the embodiment that the applicant wants examined. Applicant is required to pick a stent from the Species list as presented in Paper No. 6. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Brian Pellegrino whose telephone number is (703) 306-5899. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday from 8:30am to 6pm. The examiner can also be reached on alternate Fridays.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Corrine McDermott, can be reached at (703) 308-2111. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 308-2708. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0858.

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